



9th Annual “Hoop Dreams” 3-on-3 Charity Basketball Tournament

Date & Venue

Saturday, June 12, 2004. Play begins at 9:00 am and will conclude at approximately 7:00 pm. Play will take place in the streets at 20th and C Streets, NW, near the Washington Monument.

Rain Location

In the event of inclement weather, arrangements have been made to move the tournament indoors to the GW Smith Center, a short walk from 20th and C Streets.

Age Limit

All players must be 15 years of age as of Saturday, June 12, 2004.

Organization

The Hoop Dreams Scholarship Fund (HDSF) is a non-profit organization dedicated to expanding the academic and career horizons of inner city D.C. public school students. HDSF works to raise academic college scholarships for local inner city students and to connect them to the regional business community through a college prep mentoring program, SAT test preparation, and an internship program. The Hoop Dreams effort was founded in 1996 and is still led by Susie Kay, who taught American Government at H.D. Woodson High School for over a decade. Kay saw many of her outstanding students being denied the opportunity to pursue their dreams of a college education due to a lack of financial resources and other obstacles. Inspired by the hope and perseverance of these students and with the support of friends and volunteers drawn from the local business and professional community led by Steve Boyd, Kay's partner in building Hoop Dreams, a community event was organized to raise academic scholarship funds and to build bridges between communities that are too often divided.

Since its inception, Hoop Dreams has grown into a year-round organization. Since 1996, Hoop Dreams has brought together over 600 students and mentors; facilitated hundreds of internships; engaged over 1,000 volunteers in community work; helped nearly 600 students reach college with scholarships totaling over \$2 million; and is now energized by alumni returning as volunteers, mentors, and young community leaders.

Entertainment & Hospitality

More than just hoops and exciting competition await you at the Tournament. Local celebrities including NBA and WNBA stars are scheduled to visit. Live music, entertainment, food and beverages will be provided throughout the day. Don't miss the annual Celebrity Game, Sprite Hot Shot Court and the Youth Sports Arena. Hoop Dreams is pleased to continue its tradition of providing complementary food and beverages for players, working officials and tournament officials. A brief sponsor ceremony is planned for 12:00 noon.

New Playing Format

This tournament offers “open” competition, and does not seek to match teams by age, height or any other criteria. All skill levels are welcome. Teams may have from 3 to 5 players. Conventional “Streetball” rules will apply. All games will be professionally officiated. Volunteers will serve as scorekeepers and timekeepers.

Registration

The first 96 paid teams will be accepted, based on order of receipt. Visit our website at www.hoopdreams.org for updates on the opening of registration.

Gifts & Prizes

Each registered player and each volunteer who works a full-shift will receive a complementary official Hoop Dreams Tournament t-shirt. Trophies and other prizes will be awarded to all members of the championship and runner-up teams.

Additional Information:

For more information please visit www.hoopdreams.org or contact Dana Ross at (202) 414-4774 or dross@hoopdreams.org, Jeff Ruday, Tournament Director at (202) 232-5221 or j.ruday@verizon.net.